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Mr. Leif Erickson
Characterization Tank Waste Remediation System Program Manager
U. S. Department of Energy
P.O. Box 550
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

Re: Establishment of a Tank Waste Remediation System Inventory

During recent Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) technical meetings, it became clear that numerous and conflicting tank constituent inventories exist for the 177 high-level radioactive waste tanks on the Hanford Site. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) believes the characterization program has the opportunity to correct this problem.

Specifically, Ecology views the Tank Characterization Reports (TCR) as the coalescing mechanism. Currently, each program element within TWRS is using its own custom tank inventory, which often leads to conflicting and occasionally contradictory results. Ecology would like to discuss this issue with you, along with reviewing the U. S. Department of Energy's plans and, more specifically, the characterization program's efforts to ensure only one change-controlled inventory is established and used consistently throughout the Hanford site.

I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter with you. Please contact me at (509) 736-3018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alex Stone", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Alex Stone
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